



Deputy Minister Briefing Material – February 17, 2022

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Title: Freedom Convoy 2022

Speaking Points:

- As of yesterday afternoon, all CBSA ports of entry (POE) have re-opened (the last one been Emerson, MB, at 2:30 p.m.).
- At this time, there are no operational impacts and no border wait times reported to any POE due to those protests.
- The CBSA is in the process of “hardening” a number of POEs which we believe would see the most significant impacts if protests or convoys reconvene.
- **Ambassador Bridge - Huron Church Rd. Access is blocked to local traffic nearly up to EC Row Expressway to keep free flow on the Ambassador Bridge, with Law Enforcement presence.**
- **PAC Highway – Cement barricades in place to limit traffic to a single lane each way, with RCMP presence.**
- **North Gate – Emerging situation of a semi-truck and 10-15 vehicles and campers congregating on private land near the POE. RCMP will continue to engage with organizers to align further resources at North Gate to ensure the POE is not blocked.**
- As of today, authorities under the Emergency Measures Regulations have not yet been used by our officers. We are monitoring closely, and will be able to report on when the regulations are used at our POEs or inland operations.

Temporary POE and Trade Corridor Hardening

- We have identified 22 high risk POEs that, if impeded, would continue to exacerbate the fragile international trade chain.
- CBSA has met with Section 6. Owner/Operators (9 of the 22 sites) and PSPC to discuss possible port hardening requirements and procurement strategies for additional safety measures at these locations. Regional meetings with Owner/Operators will occur the week of Feb 21., remaining 13 CBSA custodial sites have initiated scoping discussions on requirements.



Province	Port of Entry	s.37
ON	Windsor (Ambassador)*	
ON	Fort Erie (Peace Bridge)*	
AB	Coutts*	
ON	Sarnia (Blue Water)*	
MB	Emerson*	
BC	Pacific Highway*	
ON	Niagara Falls (Queenston)*	
QC	St-Bernard-de-Lacolle*	
SK	North Portal*	
BC	Abbotsford/Huntington	
ON	Lansdowne*	
ON	Cornwall*	



Province	Port of Entry	s.37
BC	Douglas	
ON	Rainbow Bridge	
ON	Fort Frances*	
ON	Windsor-Detroit Tunnel	
ON	Sault Ste Marie*	
QC	Stanstead (Rte 55)*	
NB	St. Stephens – 3rd Bridge*	
QC	St-Armand/Philipsburg*	
NB	Woodstock*	
ON	Pigeon River*	

* Designated Commercial Facility

Commercial passages for Blue Water Bridge, Ambassador Bridge, Emerson, Coutts and Pacific Highway
(updated as of Feb 17, 1100 ET)

Work Location Name	11-Feb-22	12-Feb-22	13-Feb-22	14-Feb-22	15-Feb-22	16-Feb-22
Sarnia Blue Bridge - Commercial	4397	4276	1509	2646	3329	
Windsor, Ambassador Bridge - Commercial	3	0	0	2717	4424	
Emerson West Lynne - Commercial	0	2	2	1	2	
Coutts - Commercial	20	9	0	0	129	
Pacific Highway - Commercial	1324	440	4	6	941	
Total:	5744	4727	1515	5370	8825	1

* To date totals are from Feb. 10 2022 inclusively.

Protest Events

Protest Events	
ONGOING (Impacting or in Proximity to CBSA POE)	Planned UNCONFIRMED
• PAC Highway – Away from the POE • Emerson – North of POE • Paterson – North of POE • Coutts – North of POE Overseas • New Zealand – protest activity in support of Canadian protests • Australia- protest activity in support of Canadian protests	<u>Feb 17 or 18</u> • North Portal <u>February 19</u> • Peace Bridge- New event for Niagara being org - February 19th to close down the Peace Bridge • Windsor Riverfront - poster being shared on s - planned for February 19th at 2:00pm at the W • Paterson, PAC • Lacolle, QUE • Osoyoos, BC (Feb 19-21) <u>February 20</u> • Fort Frances & Rainy River – tip received of po - at Baudette Crossing (US) <u>Unconfirmed:</u> Sprague, MB USA • Peace Bridge (US Side) for Feb 19-20, and DC (- on Feb 24. (Unconfirmed – the 2 events may b • Rally at Coachella Valley in Indio, CA for March 4-5, - convoy (route unknown)

Marie, NOR	2	2	1		1	Feb 5: Cdn citizen expressing extremist views refused to and ran the port
Prescott, NOR	1	1			1	Feb 5: Unvaccinated Cdn citizen/US resident has been di
Lansdowne, NOR	1	2			2	Jan 29: Journalists looking to document the protests in O and had equipment consistent with their stated purpose
Douglas, PAC	10	21	18	3		Jan 29: Wrong turns attempting to protest at Peace Arch
Pac Hwy Traffic, PAC	2	3	3			Jan 29: Wrong turns attempting to protest at Peace Arch
Total (pre EA)	18	33	22	7	4	

Intelligence Landscape

BLUF: As of 1400 ET on February 16, the overall threat to CBSA officers and infrastructure is still low, but caution should be taken reporting surrounding IMVE groups. Due to ongoing protests at POEs, there has been a significant operational impact to the economic security and prosperity.

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International Operations

- As of 1053 ET, CBSA International operations reported that the Consulate General of Canada in Dallas, Texas received overnight from American citizens opining about the trucker convoy in Canada. The voicemails were very explicit; participants describe the Prime Minister.
- In an abundance of caution, consular and administrative staff have been asked to work from home today while investigating the situation.

REGIONAL POE IMPACTS

ATLANTIC REGION (ATL)

- As of 1100 ET, all ATL regional POEs report no protest activity and no impacts to operations.

QUEBEC REGION (QUE)

Lacolle

- As of 1100 ET, no changes have been reported. POE continues to monitor for possible protest activity.

NORTHERN ONTARIO REGION (NOR)

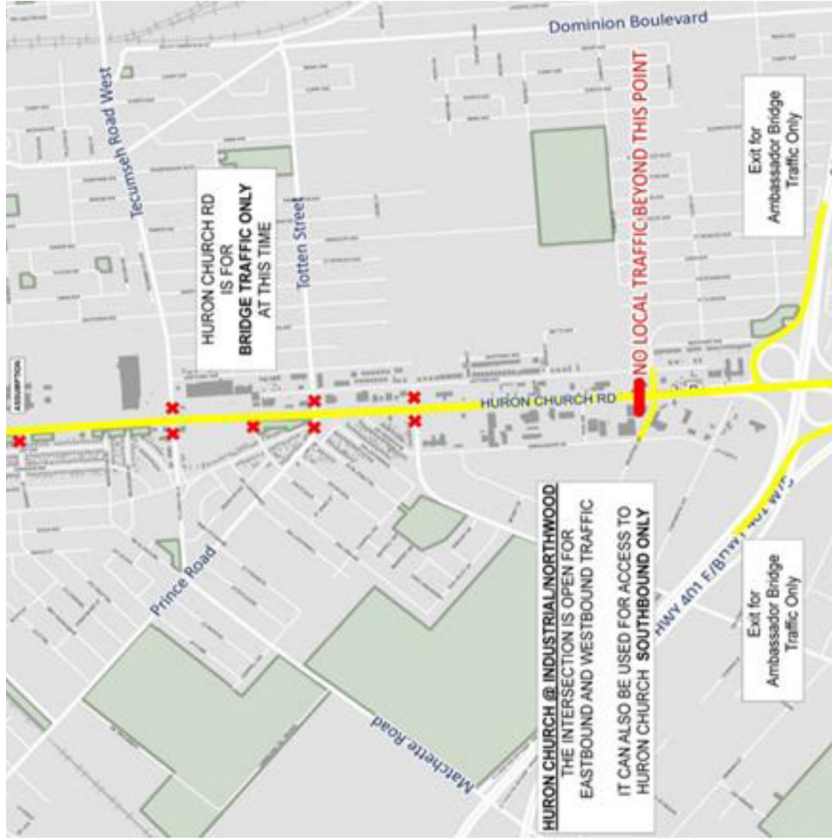
Fort Frances / Rainy River

- As of 1100 ET, No changes are reported. POE and OPP continue to monitor.

GREATER TORONTO AREA REGION (GTAR)

Toronto Pearson Airport

- As of 0808 ET, GTA continues to monitor and engage with police of jurisdiction.



Blue Water Bridge

- As of 1030 ET, no impacts to operations or wait times have been reported.

Peace Bridge:

- As of 1030 ET, SOR reports that Niagara EOC will be open this weekend and staffed with CBSA management reps.
- I/O attended POE to provide briefings. IEOD previously identified planned protests for the U.S. side of Peace Bridge for February 19th-20th. It is unknown if into that the D.C. Convoy plans to depart on Feb 24th, it is possible that the Feb 19th protest will still occur at PB (on the U.S. side).
- Uncorroborated information received regarding a new event for Niagara being organized for Saturday, February 19th to close down the Peace Bridge.
- Event planned for Saturday, February 19th called "Freedom Ride," which called on supporters to bring their horses, has been cancelled.

North Portal Commercial	255	236	194	253	231	361	340	306	256	201	225	416	362	273	211	305
Sprague	32	27	61	68	74	81	83	21	22	65	39	69	59	78	21	28
Boissevain	34	22	73	86	105	103	106	39	39	83	37	101	104	117	40	35

Coutts

- As of 1113 ET, no impacts to operations or wait times being reported

Emerson

- As of 1113 ET, no impacts to operations or wait times being reported
- Traffic at out ports is significantly reduced. RCMP will attempt to maintain 24hr presence in the area.
- As of 1119 ET, the NOTAM airspace restriction over the Emerson protest has been lifted.

North Portal

- As of 1113 ET, PRA reports are that the North Portal event will be a protest, not a blockade with participants coming from the north and south. RCMP are on

Rainy River / Sprague

- As of 1113 ET, PRA reports intelligence received that POE will be targeted for upcoming protest.
- Unconfirmed reports of a blockade of the CN line at Rainy River, ON. NOR intel has been informed. The rail line at Rainy River, ON re-enters Canada at Sprague

PACIFIC REGION (PAC)

Passage Counts Chart, updated as of Feb 17

Pacific Region Traveller Conveyance Counts	2/5/2022	2/6/2022	2/7/2022	2/8/2022	2/9/2022	2/12/2022	2/13/2022	2/14/2022	2/15/2022	2/16/2022		
# Passages (Conveyances)	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday		
Pacific Highway Travellers	576	509	601	518	593	488	5	5	412	552		
Pacific Highway Commercial	816	546	1,104	1,203	1,425	545	6	6	831	1,340		
Douglas Travellers	1,038	873	868	765	882	1,418	1,366	1,499	1,046	1,016		
Aldergrove Travellers	143	158	117	134	145	205	174	166	147	171		
Aldergrove Commercial	45	17	146	172	203	145	221	485	275	220		
Abbotsford Travellers	169	160	203	176	208	207	207	195	182	221		
Abbotsford Commercial	104	58	310	328	358	217	333	497	486	430		
Osoyoos Travellers	71	68	154	145	184	57	68	154	202	183		
Kingsgate Traveller	51	40	27	43	57	55	52	46	53	51		
Kingsgate Commercial	140	92	146	217	244	153	100	128	217	245		
Corridor Total	3,153	2,521	3,676	3,701	4,299	3,490	2,532	3,181	3,851	4,429		
Corridor Difference						11%	0%	-13%	4%	3%		
						337	11	-495	150	130		

North Portal	SK	Yes	Yes	Planned PROTEST	RCMP	Yes	No	Yes
Emerson	MB	Yes	Yes	Ongoing PROTEST	RCMP	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cornwall	ON	Yes	Yes		Cornwall Police	Yes	Yes	
Pigeon River	ON	Yes	Yes		Ontario Provincial Police	Yes	No	
Fort Frances	ON	Yes	Yes		Ontario Provincial Police	Yes	Yes	
Sault Ste Marie	ON	Yes	Yes		Sault Ste Marie Police	Yes	Yes	No
Lansdowne	ON	Yes	Yes		Ontario Provincial Police	Yes	No	
Sarnia	ON	Yes	Yes		Ontario Provincial Police	Yes	Yes	Yes
Windsor - Ambassador Bridge	ON	Yes	Yes	Ongoing PROTEST	Windsor Police/OPP	Yes	Yes	Yes
Windsor-Detroit Tunnel	ON	Yes			Windsor Police/OPP	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fort Erie (Peace Bridge)	ON	Yes	Yes	Planned PROTEST	Niagara Regional Police/OPP	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rainbow Bridge	ON	Yes			Niagara Regional Police/OPP	Yes	No	No
Niagara (Quezonston)	ON	Yes	Yes		Niagara Regional Police/OPP	Yes	No	No
St Bernard de La Colle	QC	Yes	Yes	Planned PROTEST	Sûreté du Québec	Yes	No	TBI
Stanstead	QC	Yes	Yes		Sûreté du Québec	Yes	No	NO *
St Armand/Phillipsburg	QC	Yes	Yes		Sûreté du Québec	Yes	No	NO *
Woodstock	NB	Yes	Yes		RCMP	Yes	No	Yes
St Stephens	NB	Yes	Yes		RCMP	Yes	No	Yes
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OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND MEDIA

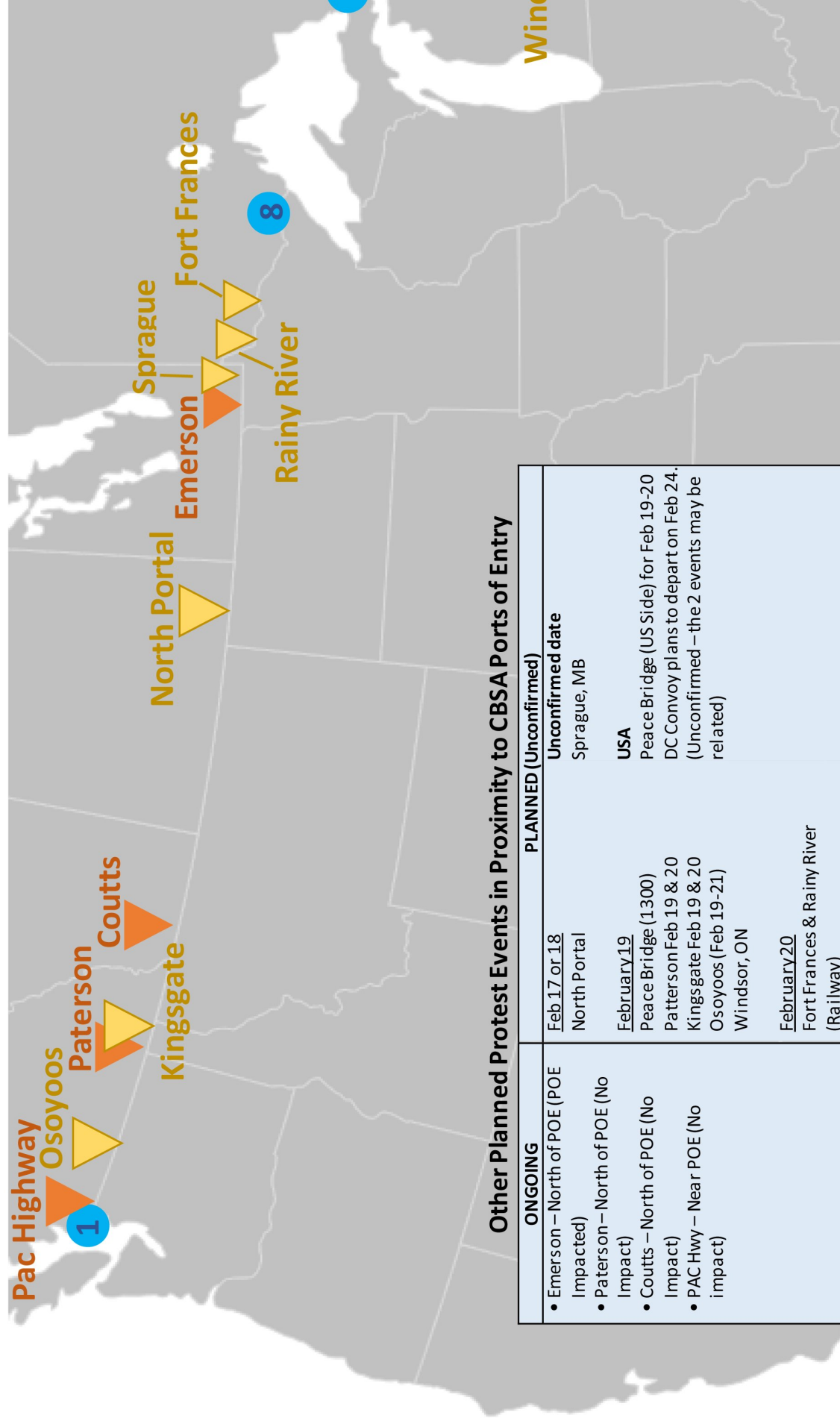
- Renewed police presence visible in downtown Ottawa as occupation nears 4th weekend. [Link](#)
- There has been a reduction in heavy trucks in the downtown but an increase in pick-up trucks and personal vehicles.
- Messaging from TBS OCHRO and PCO will be going out shortly to all Chief Security Officers and federal operations centres will mainly reinforce current messaging.
- Ottawa By-law has advised protesters with pets at demonstration that if they are unable to care for their animal as a their animal will placed into protective care for eight days, at their cost. After eight days, if arrangements are not made animal will be relinquished. [Link](#)
- A winter storm is heading towards the capital and is expected to begin during the evening of 17 Feb; 20 - 30 cm of snow on 18 Feb. [Link](#)

Media:

- CTV News: Ottawa police increase downtown presence, issue new warning to convoy protesters
<https://ottawa.ctvnews.ca/ottawa-police-increase-downtown-presence-issue-new-warning-to-convoy-protesters->

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Other Planned Protest Events in Proximity to CBSA Ports of Entry

ONGOING	PLANNED (Unconfirmed)
- Emerson – North of POE (POE Impacted) - Paterson – North of POE (No Impact) - Coutts – North of POE (No Impact) - PAC Hwy – Near POE (No impact)	<u>Feb 17 or 18</u> North Portal <u>February 19</u> Peace Bridge (1300) Patterson Feb 19 & 20 Kingsgate Feb 19 & 20 Osoyoos (Feb 19-21) Windsor, ON <u>February 20</u> Fort Frances & Rainy River (Railway) Unconfirmed date Sprague, MB USA Peace Bridge (US Side) for Feb 19-20 DC Convoy plans to depart on Feb 24. (Unconfirmed – the 2 events may be related)

CBSA Conveyance Counts
2022/02/16

Southern Ontario Region Conveyance Counts																						
# Passages (Conveyances)		2022-01-22	2022-01-23	2022-01-24	2022-01-25	2022-01-26	2022-01-27	2022-01-28	2022-01-29	2022-01-30	2022-01-31	2022-02-01	2022-02-02	2022-02-03	2022-02-04	2022-02-05	2022-02-06	2022-02-07	2022-02-08	2022-02-09		
		Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday		
Coutts Travellers		146	130	119	130	114	138	150	118	17	15	10	7	27	44	46	83	92	58	15		
Coutts Commercial*		346	328	344	323	423	523	473	240	27	77	20	106	88	117	139	154	196	161			
Emerson Travellers		80	71	86	49	67	82	130	82	73	77	20	106	88	97	63	98	98	57	91		
Emerson Commercial		604	319	395	637	786	793	883	530	331	388	218	818	620	763	572	337	438	649	771		
Del Bonita				22	7	14	24	15			111	142	131	157	118		61	64	255			
Carway		27	36	20	17	16	17	24	20	115	89	106	67	62	63	83	97	62	31	67		
Aden		1			1	1		2	1	14	4	8	6	6	6	9	6	1	4	8		
Other Commercial POEs																						
Regway		40	24	64	51	43	58	55	33	40	42	87	76	102	81	44	44	59	75	78		
Rooisville		44	71	72	59	106	105	95	60	134	156	130	147	135	128	83	127	91	89	125		
North Portal Travellers		24	29	43	35	33	44	44	44	51	44	29	36	47	58	37	40	43	44	38		
North Portal Commercial		293	236	194	259	291	361	340	306	258	201	225	418	382	279	277	305	259	291	427		
Sprague		32	27	61	68	74	81	83	21	22	65	39	69	59	78	21	28	64	71	64		
Boissevain		34	22	73	86	105	103	106	39	39	83	37	101	104	117	40	35	112	123	146		

Southern Ontario Region Commercial Conveyance Counts

# Passages (Commercial Conveyances)		2022-01-31	2022-02-01	2022-02-02	2022-02-03	2022-02-04	2022-02-05	2022-02-06	2022-02-07	2022-02-08	2022-02-09	2022-02-10	2022-02-11	2022-02-12	2022-02-13	2022-02-14	2022-02-15
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Windsor Ambassador Bridge Commercial		3,554	4,864	4,365	3,311	4,348	2,597	1,189	1,728	5		4,893	4,397	4,275	1,509	2,639	4,427
Sarnia Blue Water Bridge Commercial		2,117	2,828	2,182	1,934	2,460	1,277	622	2,663	4,845	5,119	2,525	2,345	1,040	350	796	3,332
Fort Erie Commercial		1,258	1,762	1,832	1,260	1,538	705	386	1,362	2,009	2,241	2,525	2,012	694	301	1,239	1,697
Niagara Queenston Commercial		1,168	1,386	1,440	1,017	1,152	531	262	1,213	1,372	1,914	1,964	2,012				1,559
Commercial Conveyance Total		8,097	10,840	9,819	7,522	9,498	5,110	2,459	6,966	8,231	9,274	9,382	8,754	6,009	2,160	7,318	11,015
Difference									-14%	-24%	-6%	25%	-8%	18%	-12%	5%	34%
									-1,131	-2,609	-545	1,860	-744	899	-299	352	2,784

Southern Ontario Region Traveller Conveyance Counts

# Passages (Non-Commercial Conveyances)		2022-01-31	2022-02-01	2022-02-02	2022-02-03	2022-02-04	2022-02-05	2022-02-06	2022-02-07	2022-02-08	2022-02-09	2022-02-10	2022-02-11	2022-02-12	2022-02-13	2022-02-14	2022-02-15
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Windsor Ambassador Bridge Travellers		1,825	1,873	1,040	874	1,544	903	951	611	15	21	16	6		1,227	1,459	
Windsor Tunnel		2,711	3,058	1,693	1,556	2,645	1,309	1,187	4,079	4,462	4,823	4,784	4,860	2,462	1,997	3,185	3,236
Sarnia Blue Water Bridge Travellers		566	550	279	334	720	519	526	578	394	380	490	610	464	514	561	498
Fort Erie Traveller		1,164	1,085	1,017	646	1,055	896	1,229	1,140	998	969	936	1,355	824	933	1,072	1,011
Niagara Queenston Bridge Travellers		543	416	416	290	512	518	581	491	445	452	588	720	565	598	589	469
Rainbow Bridge Traveller		339	278	265	179	302	323	359	334	301	381	466	537	594	505	417	329
Non-Commercial Conveyance Total		7,148	7,260	4,710	3,879	6,778	4,468	4,833	7,183	6,615	7,026	7,280	8,088	4,909	4,547	7,051	7,002
Difference									0%	-9%	49%	88%	19%	10%	-6%	-2%	6%
									35	-645	2,316	3,401	1,310	441	-286	-132	387

Pacific Region Traveller Conveyance Counts

# Passages (Conveyances)		2022-02-05	2022-02-06	2022-02-07	2022-02-08	2022-02-12	2022-02-13	2022-02-14	2022-02-15
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